
Obituary - John (Jack) Andrews



John Andrews, better known as Jack, was born in Portsmouth on 11 November 1921. His early years were spent in Cheltenham where his father was a well respected Doctor.

During the war Jack served in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers seeing service mainly in the UK but towards the end of the war was sent out to India. After the war he spent some time as a journalist before entering the print industry.

He married Philippa in 1945. They were married for 66 years and had four children Tony, Simon, John and Philippa.

Jack and Philippa made their first home at the now exclusive address of No.1 The Circus in Bath. They moved houses several times before building their own house in Chaddesley Corbett, near Kidderminster where Jack moved to work. It was during their time in Chaddesley that Jack joined Droitwich Catenian Circle.

After some years the family moved to Rainhill, near St Helens and Jack joined St. Helens Circle although his greater interest was with Serra International an organisation devoted supporting and increasing Vocations. In 1965 they moved to West Timperley in Cheshire after Jack moved jobs once again.

in 1968 Jack met Brian Jarvis and subsequently joined him running G.B Jarvis in Altrincham, a small individual but well known and popular printer, doing work for local businesses, communities and Churches amongst other groups. Jack stayed with the Company until it was sold and he was able to retire. Philippa played a significant role working with Jack particularly after Brian and Audrey Jarvis moved to Scotland. It was during this time that Jack and Philippa moved to Lodge Road in Knutsford.

After their retirement Jack and Philippa threw themselves into life in Knutsford particularly the Parish of St. Vincents where Jack ran the RCI Programme for some years. For her part Philippa was a strong member of the Catholic Womens League. Jack became a member of Knutsford Circle and remained a member until he died. They were outstanding members of the Parish and made a multitude of friends through the Church and in Knutsford.

They were both very proud of their large family and were pleased to see all their children happily married and were very proud of their nine grandchildren and even more of their seven great-grandchildren whom they loved seeing.

They moved twice more in Knutsford, finally settling in Ash Court where Philippa died in 2011. Jacks final years were spent at Sharston Nursing Home in Knutsford where he died on 12 July 2016.

At his funeral one of Jacks cousins wrote: “Jack was a flame of encouragement to all who came in contact with him, a truly exceptional and very special person”.

May He Rest in Peace